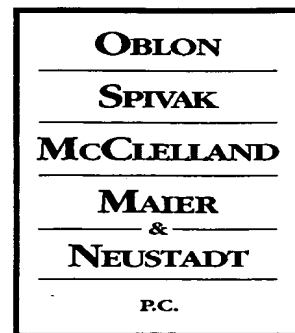




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For: METHOD OF AND DEVICE FOR OUTPUTTING
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Group Art Unit: 2614

Examiner: KOSTAK, V. R.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

Our check in the amount of **-0-** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 10, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-10, 14-23, and 27 for examination on the merits in the present application. Applicant makes this election with the understanding that Applicant is not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications covering the non-elected claims.

Applicants traverse because, according to MPEP § 803:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

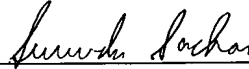
Although the Office Action has identified separate classifications, Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner; whereas it would be a serious burden on Applicants to prosecute and maintain separate applications on the restricted inventions.

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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-28 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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